

modifying the particular network address of the datastore to reflect the address of the intermediary gateway device; and

providing access to the network addressable datastore (through the intermediary gateway device) using the modified address of the network addressable datastore.

34. The method of claim 33, wherein the modifying step further includes the substep of:

modifying the particular network address of the datastore to include the address of the intermediary gateway device.

35. A computer for managing information using an intermediary gateway device having a corresponding network address, the computer comprising:

a memory having program instructions; and

a processor, responsive to the program instructions, configured to:

receive a request to communicate with a network accessible datastore having a particular network address;

modify the particular network address of the datastore to reflect the address of the intermediary gateway device; and

provide access to the network addressable datastore through the intermediary gateway device using the modified address of the network addressable datastore.

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36. The computer of claim 35, wherein the processor is further configured to: modify the particular network address of the datastore to include the address of the intermediary gateway device.

37. A computer-readable medium containing instructions for controlling a data processing system to perform a method for managing information using an intermediary gateway device having a corresponding network address, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a request to communicate with a network accessible datastore having a particular network address;

modifying the particular network address of the datastore to reflect the address of the intermediary gateway device; and

providing access to the network addressable datastore through the intermediary gateway device using the modified address of the network addressable datastore.

38. The method of claim 37, wherein the modifying step further includes the substep of:

modifying the particular network address of the datastore to include the address of the intermediary gateway device.

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39. An apparatus for managing information using an intermediary gateway device having a corresponding network address, the apparatus comprising:
means for receiving a request to communicate with a network accessible datastore having a particular network address;
means for modifying the particular network address of the datastore to reflect the address of the intermediary gateway device; and
means for providing access to the network addressable datastore through the intermediary gateway device using the modified address of the network addressable datastore.
40. The apparatus of claim 39, wherein the modifying means further includes:
means for modifying the particular network address of the datastore to include the address of the intermediary gateway device.--

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment cancels claim 1 and adds new claims 33-40. Applicants request favorable examination and allowance of these claims.

In the Office Action dated October 13, 1999, mailed in the parent application having Serial No. 08/878,668, the Examiner rejected claims 45-48 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Damico et al. ("Damico"). Claims 33-40 of the present application are similar to claims 45-48 of the parent application, with the exception of certain amendments incorporated into claims 33-40. Applicants respectfully traverse

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